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## **Cocaine dealer sentenced for three kilograms**

A federal judge has sentenced **Juan Francisco Carrion Castillo** to 57 months in federal prison for trafficking in three kilograms of cocaine that Providence Police seized from an Owens Street apartment in September.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed on Friday, April 13, in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In December, Castillo pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra R. Beckner said that the government could prove that, on September 14, Providence Police seized three kilograms of cocaine and \$14,000 in cash from a bedroom in a ground floor apartment on Owens Street. Officers arrested Castillo, who was in the apartment at the time.

Castillo, 33, who also had an address on Sheridan Street, Central Falls, admitted that the cocaine was his, and said that it was the remainder of four kilograms that he had purchased in New York City. He said he had sold one kilogram to finance the purchase of a car.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary E. Rogers represented the government at the sentencing.

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